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USSR - Communist China: [Sino-Soviet border negotiations are still on dead center after nearly three months of talks in Peiping.]

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The Chinese insist on a written Soviet acknowledgment that the existing border is a result of unjust treaties imposed upon China by Czarist Russia.]

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[redacted] the Chinese have claimed a half million square miles in southern Siberia. [redacted] although they are willing to base the current talks on the existing frontier, they might later use the Soviet statement they are demanding as a basis for a major territorial claim.]

[The Soviets appear determined to confine the border talks to settling the few geographic points in dispute on the existing frontier. The Chinese, however, are probably insisting that the talks should have a broader political basis, bringing in alleged Soviet violations of the existing border and enabling Peiping to exploit the more basic issue of "unequal treaties."]

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North Korea - Austria: A North Korean trade mission is negotiating in Vienna for 2 or 3 rolling mills, steel finishing equipment, and other equipment with an aggregate value of \$30 million.

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North Korea's ability to finance extensive purchases in the West appears limited, however. Output of ores--the country's best potential earner of foreign exchange--has not increased as much as planned.

Foreign Minister Kreisky has minimized the possibility of Austrian government credits, but undoubtedly sees the political advantage of finding new markets for the state-owned steel industry.

The USSR has apparently not come close to fulfilling its agreement to aid Korean heavy industry during the 1961-65 plan period.

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Congo (Brazzaville): [President Massamba-Debat may be moving to form close ties with Ghana and to reduce French influence in Brazzaville.]

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[Massamba's initiative to strengthen his defenses may be prompted by his fear that the Leopoldville government may retaliate against Brazzaville's harboring of antigovernment exiles from Leopoldville. Leopoldville evidently is supporting tribal opponents of Massamba but there has been no indication that it plans any military operations against him.]

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*USSR: One, possibly two, Soviet TU-95 (Bear) heavy bombers overflew and two others came within 155 miles of the US aircraft carrier Shangri-la some 250 miles southeast of the Azores on 15 May. Earlier, fighters in Iceland intercepted two Bears as they flew through the Iceland-UK gap toward the Azores and carrier-based fighters intercepted the Bear which subsequently overflew the carrier. The last previous flights against US carriers in this general area occurred in February 1963.

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Venezuela-OAS: Venezuelan leaders are confident, now that Brazil has broken relations with Havana, that they have enough votes to convene an OAS foreign ministers' meeting to consider their case against Cuban subversion. Some of them have indicated to the US Embassy that they are determined to call such a meeting even though they are still not sure that it would approve the tough resolution that Caracas wants. Costa Rica has offered San Jose as the site for an OAS meeting on Cuba.

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